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1. According to a [REDACTED] one condition of MAAG aid to the Armored Force is a complete reorganization of the unit, which will then be retrained and equipped with new tanks.¹
2. The following rumor is being widely circulated among Chinese Nationalist officers in Taipei: MAAG has only 50 officers on Taiwan and no aid has yet been received for the Chinese. The small amount of training equipment which has been received is for the use of the Americans. Aid for the Chinese is held up because of lack of agreement with the Chinese on control of it. MAAG wants its own officers in each unit where they can direct training and distribution of equipment. The Generalissimo desires to incorporate MAAG officers into units in an advisory capacity only.
1. Comment. CHIANG Wei-kuo is aware of the need for reorganization but he fears that a reshuffle of personnel will reduce efficiency and lower morale, since the loyalty of the men is to individual unit leaders who guided them through the mainland campaign and the evacuation to Taiwan.

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